

MINUTES
McLEAN COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH
REGULAR MEETING – MARCH 9, 2011

MEMBERS PRESENT: Steadman, Emm, Naour, Powell, Tello, and Turley

MEMBERS ABSENT: Kerber and Owens

STAFF PRESENT: Howe, Anderson, Coverston Anderson, Lanier, Morris, Nolen, and Voss

CALL TO ORDER: Steadman called the Board meeting to order at 5:33 p.m.

PUBLIC PRESENT: Duane Moss, former Board member

Steadman presented a plaque to former Board member, Duane Moss for his years of service to the McLean County Board of Health. Moss stated that he enjoyed his years serving on the Board of Health. The Board wished him well.

MINUTES: Steadman requested approval for the minutes of January 12, 2011.

Emm/Turley moved and seconded approval for the minutes of January 12, 2011. Motion carried.

CONSENT AGENDA:

1. Bills to be Paid – January 31, 2011

Health Department	112-61	\$161,655.40
Dental Sealant	102-61	15,028.64
WIC	103-61	6,774.56
Preventive Health	105-61	2,974.94
Family Case Mngemt	106-61	11,580.25
AIDS/CD Control	107-61	4,362.80

2. Bills to be Paid – February 24, 2011

Health Department	112-61	\$185,468.57
Dental Sealant	102-61	31,749.27
WIC	103-61	17,969.40
Preventive Health	105-61	6,086.87
Family Case Mngemt	106-61	5,312.50
AIDS/CD Control	107-61	65,764.11

Turley/Powell moved and seconded the Consent Agenda as printed. Motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS: Coverston Anderson reported for the Scott Commission. Sue Albee, Community Health Services Supervisor, has been nominated to chair the committee for the next fiscal year. Not yet voted upon. February minutes from the Commission were not available but it was noted that a representative from the City of Bloomington will attend the March 16th meeting to discuss the budget for the next fiscal year. It was mentioned at the February meeting that the Commission is still well under their budget for the current fiscal year.

Coverston Anderson shared the activity report for the December Scott Commission. It showed that there were 24 new applications during the month, with 15 households approved for services. There were 105 trips for the Maternal/Child Health and Cancer patient

transport program, with 91 persons transported to medical appointments by the volunteer drivers. Dental expenditures were \$1,638. The Public Aid Vision Referral program update shows that a total of 78 patients were seen in the Township office during the month of December and 75 pairs of glasses were dispensed. There have been 619 referrals of 878 individuals to participating providers since May 1, 2010.

Tello inquired if the Scott Commission has to turn away clients or do they have a waiting list. Howe stated that the Scott Commission has a totaling appointment schedule and makes every attempt to make arrangements with clients that they serve.

OLD BUSINESS: Howe requested approval for the CONTINUING GRANT with IDPH FY12 West Nile Virus, April 1, 2011 through March 31, 2012, in the amount of \$23,626. This year the distribution cycle includes the combination of two previous grants which provided vector surveillance and prevention. This grant year will concentrate more on education than applying larvacide.

Anderson noted that originally this grant required a NPDES permit prior to larvaciding. This provision was delayed until October 2011, but local health departments were not notified until after the application deadline.

Turley/Naour moved and seconded the approval for the CONTINUING GRANT with IDPH FY12 West Nile Virus, April 1, 2011 through March 31, 2012, in the amount of \$23,626. Motion carried.

Howe requested approval for the CONTINUING GRANT with IDPH FY11, February 1, 2011 through July 30, 2011, Public Health Emergency Response, in the amount of \$107,284. The award represents the competitive portion of the lapsed funds from the statewide FY10 PHER grants.

Emm/Turley moved and seconded the approval for the CONTINUING GRANT with IDPH FY11, Public Health Emergency Response, in the amount of \$107,284. Motion carried.

Howe requested approval for the CONTINUING GRANT with IDPH FY11, H1N1 Influenza Outreach & Community, in the amount of \$46,022. Howe further explained that this was discussed and submitted after the Board meeting in January and notification was received via email. Primarily this grant will be used to survey community residents about their preparedness capabilities, development of a media education campaign, and then a follow-up survey of residents to ascertain which media approach made the most impact and to see if the level of preparedness increased. Tello inquired about the concern. Howe stated that this is in response to the State concern that citizens are not prepared in the event of an emergency epidemic, particularly an influenza pandemic. Coverston Anderson further stated that this is unspent funds being redistributed to assist in better preparing citizens to respond to any emergency an event.

Turley/Tello moved and seconded the approval for the CONTINUING GRANT with IDPH FY11, Public Health Emergency Response, in the amount of \$107,284. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS: Howe requested approval for the CONTINUING GRANT with the National Association of City and County Officials (NACCHO), for the amount of \$5,000 for the Medical Reserve Corps (MRC) Capacity Building grant. Howe explained that this is the 5th year for this grant which provides funds for training and supplies for the MCHD medical reserve corps.

Naour/Turley moved and seconded approval for the CONTINUING GRANT with the National Association of City and County Officials (NACCHO), for the amount of \$5,000 for the Medical Reserve Corps (MRC) Capacity Building grant. Motion carried.

Howe requested approval for the CONTINUING GRANT with IPHA, FY11 HIV Prevention Program grant, January 1, 2011 through December 31, 2011 in the amount of \$33,551. Howe explained that this is the same amount received in the past and will allow the department to maintain current staff. Powell inquired about staffing. Howe noted that staff will be maintained at the present level using alternate sources of revenue to support the program. However, most of the HIV funds are being shifted further north where there is greater number of targeted high risk populations such as IV drug users. Coverston Anderson further explained that a lot of funds are used for medications and less for education and testing. Naour inquired if our clinic is busy. Howe stated that the department is busy however the grant calls for specific populations to be targeted and our community sees fewer of these targeted groups.

Powell/Tello moved and seconded the approval for the CONTINUING GRANT with IPHA, FY11 HIV Prevention Program grant, January 1, 2011 through December 31, 2011 in the amount of \$33,551. Motion carried.

Howe requested approval for the CONTINUING GRANT from DHS, for the WIC Program in the amount of \$1,000. This grant was given to the WIC program to use as needed. The \$1,000 was used to purchase two adult scales and measuring boards for the exam rooms.

Naour/Emm moved and seconded for the CONTINUING GRANT from DHS, for the WIC Program in the amount of \$1,000. Motion carried.

Howe requested approval for the CONTINUING GRANT, from IDPH, Illinois Tobacco Free Communities, in the amount of \$7,779. The additional resources are being used to arrange presentations by Gruen Von Behrens at four rural high schools where chewing tobacco use is prevalent. Jan Morris shared that Gruen Von Behrens began chewing tobacco when he was 13 years old and had oral cancer at age 17. He will be presenting at Olympia, Lexington, Tri Valley, and Colfax on April 4th and 5th.

Emm/Tello moved and seconded approval for the CONTINUING GRANT, from IDPH, Illinois Tobacco Free Communities, in the amount of \$7,779. Motion carried.

Howe requested approval for CONTINUING GRANT, FY12, HealthWorks of IL Lead Agency Program, in the amount of \$81,613. Howe stated that this program provides initial screening and system support services for DCFS wards. This is early notification that no changes are anticipated in the FY12 contract awards.

Turley/Naour moved and seconded approval for CONTINUING GRANT, FY12, HealthWorks of IL Lead Agency Program, in the amount of \$81,613. Motion carried.

Howe requested the Board sign a resolution to implement Employee Wellness Initiatives and forward it to the County Board. Howe thanked Jan Morris, Jackie Lanier, and Erin Tolle Link for their part in the presentation given to the County Administration office to implement four wellness initiatives designed to improve health conditions for employees and the general public. Board members received a packet which explained the four initiatives.

Howe stated that the first initiative is to make the Health Department campus and the adjoining parking lot smoke-free. He noted that this is a pilot project and may eventually include all County facilities. Employees who smoke will have to smoke in a designated area near the Law and Justice Center or leave the property. However, there will be incentives to help

employees quit the smoking habit. Lanier talked about the Smoke Free Illinois Act and being good stewards of public health.

Morris explained the second initiative which is healthy choices in the vending machines. In addition, an educational campaign will recommend also bringing healthy food choices and drinks to food day celebrations. Howe noted that employees will be polled to see what items they would like to have in the vending machines. This will be a cooperative venture for both employees and the vending company.

Lanier explained the third incentive which is to promote taking the stairs and reduce use of the elevators. Staff is looking at different ideas to make the stairs more appealing. This may include artwork, trivia questions, etc. Howe noted that one business had gone as far as making the stairs sound like a keyboard with each step making a melodic sound.

Lanier reported that the fourth incentive is County employees earning a "Wellness Day". Employees will have a chance to participate or accomplish wellness activities such as giving up smoking, have their teeth cleaned twice a year, have yearly physical, getting a flu shot, etc. and being able to earn an extra day off. Currently, this is being done by the City of Bloomington. Howe added that one incentive would be not taking more than three sick days per year. Howe explained that it has been shown that wellness activities result in less sick days and greater productive employees and encourages staff to be healthy. Morris agreed, she also stated that this has been talked about for years and that Blue Cross/Blue Shield promotes this concept.

Powell inquired if BC/BS gave a discount to the County for prevention. Howe explained that the County currently doesn't have baseline data on employee medical use to compare for a discount plan because of the change in County insurance. Howe did state that the County Administrator's office was very pleased with the efforts for County Employee Wellness. Tello agreed that the presentation brought to the Board was very well done and the efforts look great.

Turley/Naour moved and seconded the approval for the Employee Wellness Initiatives and forwarding the information to the County Board for approval. Motion carried.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT: Howe mentioned that included in the packet were program anecdotes which are designed to show situations that are routinely encountered in health department programs and how staff are able to assist with special program needs.

Howe distributed the FY12 Mental Health Funding Books for all members to review before the May Board meeting. He also distributed a brief summary of funding requests and invited Board members to attend the program reviews. A funding hearing calendar will be forwarded via Email to interested Board members.

Tello noted that all agencies will need funding due to cuts from the State. Howe agreed and stated that it is a huge concern especially in local substance abuse and mental health programs. Naour questioned the issues faced by program cuts. Howe explained that without treatment access or continued medication many of these clients will act out and end up in jail, the emergency rooms, or be out on the streets.

STAFF REPORTS: Howe noted that there was not an additional report for Administration.

Anderson reported for the Environmental Health Division noting that the bi-monthly report was contained in the packet on pages 8 through 10. Anderson noted that the total for active food permits was up one for the year, however new and remodeled food plans submitted were up seven over 2010 total of 10.

Anderson explained the numbers for the septic system evaluations. Anderson further explained that during the slow construction period in 2010, installers were keeping busy with septic system evaluations. Beginning in 2001, septic evaluations were being done differently with installers using a new health department form to analyze and bring existing systems to code. Prior to 2001, there were no guidelines and some systems were inspected by people in other professions less qualified for septic installation inspection. This new evaluation process resulted in the issuance of additional septic permits for new systems to replace illegal systems at 15 to 20% per year. Anderson further stated that during the months of January and February 2011, septic evaluations were down compared to 2010. This is the result of the government not offering first time home buyer's incentives.

Anderson reported that earlier in the day he had met with Representatives Jim Watson and Mike Tryon about NPDES legislation process in Illinois.

Anderson explained two bills that currently are on the floor of the Illinois Legislature, HB1483 and SB137. HB 1483 deals with prohibiting health department or other governmental agency inspection authority for foods served at Farmers' Markets and charitable events. SB 137 prohibits any governmental agency from regulating foods prepared for public sale or service made in a "cottage food operation". A cottage food operation is defined as a non-potentially hazardous food prepared in an unregulated establishment, often a person's primary domestic residence.

Anderson brought up the Lemonade Day to be held on May 1, 2011. It is an event sponsored by a not-for-profit group out of Texas promoting entrepreneurialism to grade school children. The intent is to eventually have every state in the United States participated in this event. It is not the Division's intent to discourage this program but to assist the organizers in a successful plan by assuring the food product is prepared in a safe manner with the lowest risk for illness possible. The department will not be issuing permits for the event but will actively provide education to the participants and their parents on how to operate a safe and sanitary food stand. The division is working closely with the Illinois Department of Public Health with this event since it is state-wide.

Tello inquired if Anderson had any information about the number of geothermal systems had not changed for the year. Anderson stated that during the Blagovich Administration there were financial incentives to installing a Geothermal system which is not the case today.

Nolen reported for the Maternal Child Health Division noting that the report was on page 11 in the packet. She highlighted that ISU and IWU nursing students are here four to 5 days each week this semester; one dietetic graduate student completed a 5-week WIC rotation in January, and a second one has just begun her rotation; and two ISU, BSW student volunteers are in the process of planning Baby 101 group education for new mothers.

Coverston Anderson distributed a handout of recent program highlights for the Community Health Services Division and discussed several of the issues with the Board.

BOARD ISSUES: None

ADJOURN: Turley moved and the Board of Health meeting was adjourned at 6:45 p.m.